

MEETING OF THE SENATE
February 17, 1961

The University Senate met at 2:00 p.m., Friday, February 17th, 1961, President Carroll presiding.

The President recognized the chairman of the ^{Executive Committee} Senate, Professor Tupper who read an expression of sympathy from the Senate to the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Newell Windom Ellison, in his recent bereavement.

On motion made and seconded, the resolution was unanimously passed.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A motion was then made by Dean Burns that the members of the Senate be referred to as "Mister" rather than "Senator". The motion was seconded and adopted.

President Carroll then introduced the new Dean of the Law School, Robert Kramer.

Chairman Tupper read a communication from Trustee Watson Davis of SCIENCE SERVICE, congratulating the Senate on its coming into existence, and on the activities it was planning to undertake.

Chairman Tupper then announced that he had succeeded in obtaining a three-hour reduction in his teaching load in order to devote more time to the Senate affairs. He further stated that if the occasion warranted, a similar reduction might be sought for the chairmen of the subsidiary committees if the committee work became too time-consuming.

Chairman Tupper then discussed informally the various clerical preparations which are being made to cope with the business of the Senate including the employment of a secretary and the arrangements he hoped to make regarding a Senate office.

The Chairman then commented on the response to the questionnaires which had been sent to the faculty of the various schools requesting that each faculty member indicate his preference for committee assignments.

Dr. Tupper then asked the Senate at large what their feeling was with reference to enlisting the aid of certain persons, when their services would be valuable to a committee, even though they had not expressed a desire to be on that particular committee. There was general discussion on this point and motion was made, seconded and carried that anyone might be invited to serve on a committee whether or not he had expressed a desire to do so.

Professor Hechtman then raised the question of the terms of office of the Senate members, pointing out that, in view of the inevitable tardiness of the Senate's start this year, by the time that the committees were set up and the Senate in working order, it might well be time for a new election of members, and that this change in office could seriously impede senatorial efficiency just when the Senate was getting started. He suggested that the term of office be extended in each case for one year - i.e. May 14, 1961 or 1963, depending upon whether the members have been designated for a one or a two year term. After general discussion on this point as to whether the Assembly, the Faculty who had elected the candidate, or the Senate could take the responsibility upon itself to change the terms, it was decided that President Carroll would handle the matter in an informal way and attempt to reach a solution to the problem that would not be controversial. Professor Hechtman then withdrew his motion.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

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The Senate of the George Washington University wishes on this occasion to express to Newell Windom Ellison, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the University, its deepest sympathy in his present bereavement.

The members of the Senate are certain that they speak for the entire faculty of the University in conveying to him their gratitude for the invaluable services that Mrs. Ellison - as well as he - has performed for the University.

These simple words of condolence carry with them our profoundest and most respectful fellow feeling.

Chairman,
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